

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-28 remain in the application with claims 1, 12 and 25 in independent form. The claims have been carefully reviewed with particular attention paid to the points raised in the Office Action. Claims 9, 11, 14, 17, 20, 27 and 28 have been amended to clarify the features of the present application. Six sheets of replacement drawings for Figures 1-6b are attached hereto. The amendments to the specification correct minor typographical errors. It is submitted that no new matter has been added and no new issues have been raised by the present Amendment.

The six sheets of replacement drawings for Figures 1-6b are attached and are intended to improve the legibility of the figures. Reference numerals **31** and **32**, represented in Figure 6B, have been added to Figure 6 for clarity. The last column of numbers in Figure 6B have been shifted to the column labeled **32** to clarify the truth table illustrate therein. The replacement drawings do not add any new matter.

The Examiner objected to claims 9, 14, 17, 27 and 28 based on informalities. Claims 9, 14, 17, 27 and 28 have been amended hereby to correct the informalities noted in the Office Action. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the objections to claims 9, 14, 17, 27 and 28 be withdrawn.

The Examiner rejected claims 11, 14 and 20-21 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as allegedly indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that Applicant regards as the invention.

While it is believed that the claims of the present application are sufficiently clear to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that Applicants regard as the invention, Applicants have amended claims 11, 14 and 20 in an effort to expedite examination of the present application. The amendments to claims 11, 13 and 20 are intended merely to clarify the features of the present application and are in no way intended to limit the scope of the claims.

In particular, claim 11 has been amended to change the phrase "the header information" to --the first header information--. Claim 14 has been amended to delete the word "selected" in the phrase "the selected instructions" in line 3 of claim 14 and to delete the word "the" in the phrase "the selected information" in lines 3-4 of the claim. Claim 20 has been amended to depend from claim 16, which provides antecedent basis for the terms "the compare unit" and "the at least one field" of claim 20.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 11, 14 and 20-21 particularly point out distinctly claim the subject matter that Applicants regard as the invention.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's statement that claims 1-10, 12, 13, 15-19 and 22-28 are allowed and that claims 11, 14 and 20-21 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections over 35 USC §112, second paragraph. As noted above, it is believed that claims 11, 14 and 20-21 overcome the rejection under §112, second paragraph.

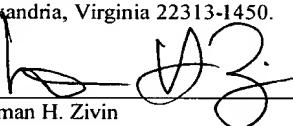
Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-28 of the present application are in condition for allowance.

If a telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing the prosecution of the subject application, Applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided below.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required in connection with this Response and to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

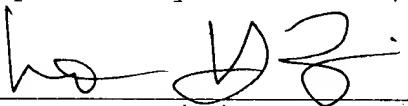
Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

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Amendments to the Drawings

The attached 6 sheets of replacement drawings include replacement drawings for Figures 1-6B. Reference numerals **31** and **32** have been added to Figure 6 for clarity. The last column of numbers in 6B have been moved to the column headed **32**. The replacement drawings are intended to improve the legibility of Figures 1-6B.

**Attachment: Replacement Sheets**